

## TENTH DAY.

(Friday, January 19, 1917.)

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m.,  
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Lowe
Baker.	of McMullen.
Beard of Harris.	Low
Beard of Milam.	of Washington.
Beasley.	McComb.
Bedell.	McCoy.
Bell.	McDowra.
Bertram.	McFarland.
Blackburn.	McMillin.
Blackmon.	Martin.
Blalock.	Meador.
Bland.	Mendell.
Boner.	Metcalfe.
Brown.	Miller of Austin.
Bryan.	Miller of Dallas.
Bryant.	Monday.
Burton of Rusk.	Moore.
Burton of Tarrant.	Morris.
Butler.	Murrell.
Cadenhead.	Neeley.
Canales.	Neill.
Carlock.	Nichols.
Cates.	Nordhaus.
Clark.	O'Banion.
Cope.	Osborne.
Cox.	Parks.
Crudgington.	Peddy.
Davis of Dallas.	Peyton.
Davis	Pillow.
of Van Zandt.	Poage.
De Bogory.	Pope.
Denton.	Raiden.
Dodd.	Reeves.
Dudley.	Richards.
Dunnam.	Robertson.
Estes.	Roemer.
Fairchild.	Rogers.
Fisher.	Russell.
Fitzpatrick.	Sackett.
Florer.	Sentell.
Fly.	Schlesinger.
Greenwood.	Schlosshan.
Haidusek.	Scholl.
Hardey.	Seawright.
Harris.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hawkins.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hudspeth.	Spencer of Wise.
Johnson.	Spradley.
Jones.	Stewart.
Laas.	Swope.
Lacey.	Taylor.
Laney.	Templeton.
Lange.	Terrell.
Lanier.	Thomas.
Lee.	Thomason
Lindemann.	of El Paso.

Thompson	Veatch.
of Hunt.	Wahrmund.
Thompson	Walker.
of Red River.	White.
Tillotson.	Williams
Tilson.	of Brazoria.
Tinner.	Williford.
Traylor.	Wilson.
Tschoepe.	Woods.
Upchurch.	Woodul.
Valentine.	

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Strayhorn.
Bledsoe.	Thomason
Davis of Grimes.	of Nacogdoches.
Hartman.	Williams
O'Brien.	of McLennan.
Sallas.	Yantis.
Sholars.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Williams of McLennan, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Parks.

Mr. Davis of Grimes, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Neeley.

Mr. Sholars, until next Monday, on motion of Mr. Fisher.

Mr. O'Brien, for today, on motion of Mr. Templeton.

Mr. Bledsoe, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas.

Mr. Hartman, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Miller of Austin.

Mr. Beason, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Smith of Scurry.

The following member was granted leave of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Pillow.

## HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Schlesinger:

H. B. No. 332, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for an appeal from interlocutory orders overruling motions to vacate orders appointing receivers."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Nordhaus and Mr. Lange:

H. B. No. 333, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend subdivision 60, Ar-

ticle 1121 of Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, as amended at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, authorizing the formation of corporations for the construction and operation of interurban electric, gas or gasoline, denatured alcohol or naphtha motor railways with power to own, construct and operate union depots and office buildings and the right to acquire, hold and operate other public utilities in and adjacent to the cities or towns within or through which said companies operate; and authorizing those heretofore organized to acquire, hold and operate other public utilities in and adjacent to the cities or towns within or through which said companies operate, and providing the method of amending their charter so as to expressly include such authority."

Referred to Committee on Private Corporations.

By Mr. Nordhaus and Mr. Burton of Tarrant:

H. B. No. 334, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4079 and 4084, Title 64, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, regulating the selection of a guardian of his person and estate by a minor fourteen years of age, and the revocation of previous letters of guardianship, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. McFarland:

H. B. No. 335, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize married women who may be appointed notaries public to execute the bond required as such, and to bind their separate estate as principal jointly with her husband, or without her husband under certain circumstances, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McFarland:

H. B. No. 336, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 24 of Article 1830, Title 37, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, of the State of Texas, which fixes the venue of suits against any private corporation, association or joint stock company in any county in which the cause of action or a part thereof arose, by providing in addition thereto that any person or firm may be sued in any county in which the cause of action, or

a part thereof, arose, without regard to when the cause of action may have accrued or suit begun, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Swope:

H. B. No. 337, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 3, Title 13, Article 4025, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, as amended by the Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, Special Session, providing for the issuance of hunting licenses to residents of the State of Texas, so that it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to hunt, kill or in any manner take or destroy, any game quadrupeds or wild game birds or wild water fowls protected by the game laws of this State, without first having obtained a hunting license from the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, permitting him to do so; and providing for an affidavit to be made by the person making application for such license, and making it the duty of the clerk of the court to furnish the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner with a certified copy of the final conviction of all persons convicted for the violation of the laws governing the hunting or killing of game quadrupeds, wild game or wild water fowl."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Stewart and Mr. Sholars:

H. B. No. 338, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 874 and 875 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, 1911, prohibiting the killing or taking into possession more than ten squirrels in any one day; prohibiting the sale, offer to sell and purchase of squirrels; fixing a closed season on such animals; eliminating therefrom all exemptions of counties; fixing a penalty for the violation thereof; repealing Article 876 of the Penal Code relating to the sale and shipment of squirrels in Montgomery county, and all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Dunnam, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Peyton:

H. B. No. 339, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define a delinquent negro

child, and to regulate the treatment and control of same; providing for commitment of the delinquent and incorrigible negro juveniles in the State institution to be hereafter known as the State Training School for Negro Boys, located at Rusk, Henderson county, Texas; and to provide for the appointment by the Governor of six trustees, and defining the duties of said trustees; and providing that the trustees shall appoint a superintendent to manage said institution upon the advice and consent of the Governor, and fixing his salary, and providing further that the superintendent shall appoint such other officers and employes as may be necessary for the management of said institution by and with the consent of the board of trustees, and providing further that the board of trustees shall fix the salaries of employes and shall define their duties; and providing further that the board shall formulate by-laws, rules and regulations for the economic and efficient government and control of said institution having in view the object to be accomplished by this act, said by-laws, rules and regulations, when adopted by said board and approved by the Governor, shall become binding and of obligatory force upon the trustees, superintendent, subordinate officers, employes and inmates of said institution, and it shall be the duty of the trustees to see to the enforcement of said rules; and further providing for a public school at said institution as now provided for by Articles 2733 and 2734 of the Act of the Legislature of 1905; and providing further that the trustees appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the management of said public school at said institution, shall have full and complete control of said public school, and said board shall appoint a principal for the management of said school and such other teachers as may be necessary for the maintenance of said school, and said board of trustees shall be under the control and shall act and carry out the instructions given them by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and in the event that said trustees fail or refuse to carry out the instructions given them by the said Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Texas, then the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have the right to withhold the public funds that have or may be set apart for the payment of the teachers of said institution; and pro-

viding further that the trustees appointed by the State Superintendent for the management of said public school shall maintain a public school for the benefit of the colored children and appoint teachers for that purpose by the consent of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and providing that the Board of Prison Commissioners transfer to the trustees of the State training school for negro boys all necessary grounds, lands and equipment now held under the supervision of said Board of Prison Commissioners at Rusk, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Juvenile Reforms.

By Mr. Mendell and Mr. Robertson:

H. B. No. 340, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to construct and complete buildings of the new Texas School for the Blind, and to build fences, walks and drives, and to beautify the grounds, and to furnish all necessary apparatus, equipment, furniture, and in order to make the building ready for occupancy, and to pay the expenses of moving, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Holland and Mr. Swope:

H. B. No. 341, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 1480, 1481, 1482 and 1484 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas for 1911, relating to county finances, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Templeton:

H. B. No. 342, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2822, Title 48, Chapter 15, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to school trustees."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Templeton:

H. B. No. 343, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the maintenance and operation of pool halls within the State of Texas; defining the term pool hall as used in the act; declaring that the threatened, actual or contemplated use of any premises, place, room, building or part thereof, or tent or any kind of enclosure, for the purpose of a pool hall as defined in the act shall be enjoined at the suit of the State or any citizen thereof; stating who may be

made party defendant in such injunction suit; conferring certain power and authority upon and fixing certain duties for the Attorney General and the county and district attorneys of the State with reference to such suits; providing that any citizen may institute and maintain such suits; fixing the procedure in such suits; creating and defining offenses in violation of the act, and providing the punishment therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Templeton:

H. B. No. 344, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3870, Title 56, Chapter 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to payment of county commissioners."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Swope:

H. B. No. 345, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 6, Title 13, Article 891, of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, and to amend Chapter 6, Title 13, Article 889 of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas, Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas as amended by the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, and to amend Chapter 6, Title 13, Article 885, of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, same pertaining to the protection and preserving the wild game, wild game birds and wild water fowl of the State."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Dunnam and Mr. Spencer:

H. B. No. 346, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the owners, operators, and others, to equip or have equipped automobiles and other motor vehicles, used upon public highways, with adequate head and tail lights, defining such lights, making it unlawful for any person to operate, cause to be operated, or in any way be concerned in the operation of, any automobile, or other motor vehicle upon any public highway, unless the same is so equipped and unless such lights are in good condition and kept in operation during the period of time from one hour after sundown until one hour before sunrise of any night, providing penalties for vio-

lations of this act, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Russell:

H. B. No. 347, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 258, Title 6, Chapter 2, Revised Criminal Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to judges of elections assisting voters to prepare ballot, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections.

By Mr. Thompson of Hunt (by request):

H. B. No. 348, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix and regulate what shall constitute a day's work in all building trades, and regulating the rights and extent of contract between employers and employes in all building trades, and fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Thompson of Hunt and Mr. Nichols:

H. B. No. 349, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the office of Commissioner of Industrial History for the State of Texas; fixing and defining the duties of such officer; conferring certain authority upon him in the administration of said office; providing for his office in the Capitol at Austin; authorizing him to appoint agents to assist in the collection of historical material; fixing salary and compensation of such Commissioner, and authorizing reasonable compensation for agents appointed by him; making appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Williams of McLennan:

H. B. No. 350, A bill to be entitled "An Act to preserve and protect the interest of stockholders in insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Texas, and to prevent any person or association of persons from in any manner interfering with the business of such insurance companies for the purpose of injuring such company or affecting the value of the stock of such company, and to prevent any person from bringing suit against such company, or the officers thereof, to require them to divulge any of the busi-



ness, books or records of such company without first obtaining the consent of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance of the State of Texas, and making it the duty of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, upon written demand of any stockholder, to give such information as is necessary to such stockholder to protect the interest of such stockholder in such corporation, and providing for suit to be brought by such stockholder by mandamus in the Supreme Court in the event the Insurance Commissioner should refuse to furnish the information desired, and authorizing the Insurance Commissioner, whenever in his judgment any person, firm, association of persons or corporation shall improperly, wrongfully, maliciously or selfishly attempt to injure, harass or interfere with the business of such corporation or its stockholders, to bring suit in Travis county, Texas, to enjoin such person or association of persons or corporation from further pursuing such conduct, and providing that whenever any such corporation is to be liquidated or placed in the hands of a receiver, trustee or trustees, or its affairs in any manner taken out of the hands of the directors of such corporation, then the same shall be taken charge of by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, or under his direction, and its affairs liquidated, adjusted and wound up, if it be necessary, by a liquidating officer or person appointed by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, and under the direct supervision and control of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, and providing that no other person or persons other than the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, or those acting under him, shall ever wind up the affairs of such insurance company."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Beard of Harris:

H. B. No. 351, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that the history of the State of Texas shall be used in the history course of all public schools in Texas; giving the State Superintendent of Public Instruction certain powers in regard thereto, and providing a penalty for violation of this act."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Laney:

H. B. No. 352, A bill to be entitled "An Act to further regulate the organization, supervision and control of State banks and banks and trust com-

panies incorporated under the general banking laws of the State of Texas; providing that amendments to charters of such corporations shall be filed in the office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and fixing fees for such service; providing an additional method for the qualification of directors of such corporations by requiring such directors to take an oath defined therein, declaring it shall not be necessary to amend the charter of a banking corporation in order to increase or decrease its number of directors, and providing the method for such increase or decrease; making it an offense for any officer, director or employe of any State bank or banking corporation to demand or receive any consideration or commission on account of any loan or extension of credit made by such corporation; defining such an offense and describing the punishment therefor; amending Article 463 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, and prescribing certain duties of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking in publishing the notice and advertisement calling on persons who have claims against a bank which has been placed in his hands to present the same within ninety days, and defining and describing the duties of the Commissioner with reference to such matters; fixing the salaries of the bank examiners and regulating their expenses; authorizing the Commissioner to classify the examiners on his force in accordance with years of service; authorizing the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking to designate any one of his examiners as general liquidating agent for the purpose of liquidating banks in the process of liquidation in this State; prescribing the duties of such general liquidating agent and the Commissioner with reference thereto; fixing an additional salary of five hundred dollars per year for such general liquidating agent, and authorizing the Commissioner to assess the salary of the general liquidating agent proportionately against the banks being liquidated by him; amending Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, Article 574, so as to require all officers and employes of such banks who are active in the discharge of their duties or draw salaries to give bond; defining the terms of the bond; requiring same to be filed with the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and regulating the form and provisions of said bond; amending Section 8, Chapter 3, of the General Laws

passed by the Third Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, fixing the amount of indebtedness which any one individual, corporation, company or firm may owe to any bank incorporated under the general banking laws of this State; providing exceptions to the general provisions of the act; repealing all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Poage:

H. B. No. 353, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the location, establishment and maintenance of two open air house colonies for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis; also to compel the several counties of this State to either provide and care for their own tubercular patients or to comply with the law as herein set out; and to provide for the care and treatment of indigent consumptives; making an appropriation therefor; defining a citizen as used in this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Bryan, Mr. McFarland, Mr. Metcalfe and Mr. Blackburn:

H. B. No. 354, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-eighth, the Fifty-first, the Sixty-third and the Seventieth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to create the Eighty-second Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to prescribe the time and fix the terms of holding the courts in each of the said judicial districts, and to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes, and to provide for the appointment and election of a district judge and district attorney in said Eighty-second Judicial District, and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the terms of the courts in the several districts as herein fixed; to validate such process and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors and juries, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Sackett:

H. B. No. 355, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 854, Title 22, Chapter 4, Revised Civil Statutes of

1911, as amended by Senate bill No. 342, Chapter 152, page 326, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, so as to provide for working of the streets by male inhabitants of cities and towns incorporated under the General Laws, not exceeding five days for each year; and providing for the payment of money in lieu of such work; and authorizing such cities and towns to enforce such provisions by appropriate ordinances, and including the fixing of penalties and fines for violation thereof."

Referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. Greenwood:

H. B. No. 356, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Chapter 179, Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session, 1913, entitled an act relating to employers' liability and providing for the compensation of certain employes and their representatives and beneficiaries, for personal injuries sustained in the course of employment, and for deaths resulting from such injuries, and to provide and determine in what cases compensation shall be paid, and to make the payment thereof the more certain and prompt by the creation of an insurance association to insure and guarantee such payments, and of an industrial accident board for the investigation of claims and for the adjudication thereof for consenting parties, fixing the membership and powers of said board and its compensation and duties, and the method of its appointment, and the term of office of its members, and fixing also the powers, duties and liabilities of said insurance association and the extent of control over the same to be exercised by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, and providing also for the insurance of payments of compensation to employes by certain other insurance companies and organizations, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Bagby:

H. B. No. 357, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit railroad corporations, by and with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, to change, relocate or abandon any portion of its line when without the limits of any incorporated city, town or village, and to change, relocate or abandon any part of its line within the limits of any incorporated city, town or village, by and with the permission of the Rail-

road Commission of Texas and the city council or board of aldermen of such city, town or village, and providing for the exercise of the right of eminent domain to acquire right-of-way and depot grounds when lines are changed or relocated; and validating such changes, relocations or abandonments, when heretofore made with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Templeton:

H. B. No. 358, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish the Pampa Independent School District with certain boundaries, including the town of Pampa, Gray county, Texas, with all the powers and privileges of independent school districts, to manage and control the public schools of the same, to elect trustees therefor, to levy and collect taxes for the maintenance of said schools, to issue bonds, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Blalock, Mr. Spencer of Wise, Mr. Peddy, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Dunnam and Mr. O'Banion:

H. B. No. 359, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining and regulating the length of trains, providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Blalock:

H. B. No. 360, A bill to be entitled "An Act establishing a Bureau of Vital Statistics for the Board of Health; providing for an adequate system for the registration of births and deaths in the State of Texas; providing penalties for the violation of any of the provisions of this act, making appropriation for the efficient enforcement of the same, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Smith of Scurry:

H. B. No. 361, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 565 and 566, Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, to enable an indicted person to enter his plea of guilty and to proceed to serve his sentence when court is not in session in the particular

county where venue would lie, and providing for the attendance of witnesses; fixing fees of the sheriff and witnesses, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. Pillow:

H. B. No. 362, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 8, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, the same being entitled 'An Act to aid the city of Galveston in elevating and raising said city, so as to protect it from calamitous overflows, by donating and granting to it the State ad valorem taxes and a part of the occupation and poll taxes collected on property and from persons in Galveston county for a period of fifteen years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication,' by extending the provisions of said act for a period of ten years from September 1, 1918."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Cope, Mr. Tillotson, Mr. Parks and Mr. Lee:

H. B. No. 363, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the incorporation by those engaged in agricultural pursuits of farmers' co-operative societies; defining the character of their business, purpose and locality of such corporations; providing the method by which such corporations may be chartered; fixing the charter fees therefor and exempting them from the payment of franchise taxes; declaring that certified copies of the charters, amendments and by-laws of such corporations shall be filed with the county clerk of the county in which such societies are located; defining the character of reports that must be made by such corporations; fixing the minimum amount of property which such corporations must own, and regulating the membership and membership certificates of such corporations; authorizing such corporations to borrow money, to discount notes in limited amount; authorizing them to loan money to their members only; empowering them to act as the selling and purchasing agents of their members in the sale of agricultural products and the purchase of machinery, supplies and insurance for their members; giving such corporations authority to own and operate such machinery and instrumen-

talities as may be necessary in the production, harvesting and preparation for market of farm and ranch products; fixing the rights of members of such societies; limiting the liability of members of such corporations and authorizing them to provide for an additional liability; providing for appropriate forms for making this act effective; conferring certain powers and authority upon and fixing certain duties for the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Cates and Mr. McFarland:

H. B. No. 364, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the publication in some newspaper of general circulation of all notices now required by law or contract to be given of any act or proceeding, whether public or private, or relating to a judicial, executive or legislative matter, which notice is now authorized by law or contract to be made by posting notice in one or more public places; fixing a time of such publication, and the compensation; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Printing.

By Mr. Williams of Brazoria:

H. B. No. 365, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit S. S. Perry of Brazoria county, Texas, to bring suit against the State of Texas for an alleged damage growing out of an alleged breach of contract entered into by and between the said S. S. Perry and the Board of Prison Commissioners, September 20, 1911."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolutions were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. Templeton:

H. J. R. No. 24, Submitting to the people of the State certain amendments to the Constitution of the State of Texas to take the place of Section 50 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, defining the homestead of a family in the State of Texas, fixing the

date of said election, and appropriating funds to pay the expenses of same, and authorizing the Governor to issue proclamation calling such election.

By Mr. Templeton:

H. J. R. No. 25, Submitting to the people of the State certain amendments to the Constitution of the State of Texas to take the place of Section 5 of Article 4 of said Constitution, relating to the salary of the Governor, fixing the date of the election, and appropriating funds to pay the expenses of same, and authorizing the Governor to issue proclamation calling such election.

#### BILLS RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, House bill No. 88 was withdrawn from the Judiciary Committee and re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, House bill No. 253 was withdrawn from the Judiciary Committee and re-referred to the Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

On motion of Mr. Bryant, House bill No. 110 was withdrawn from the Judiciary Committee and re-referred to the Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

On motion of Mr. Veatch, House bill No. 27 was withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture and re-referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Blalock, House bill No. 228 was withdrawn from the Committee on Education and re-referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

#### BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 140 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Crudgington, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 107 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Dodd, it was ordered that House bill No. 254 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. McDowra, it was ordered that House bill No. 204 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Russell, it was ordered that House bill No. 260 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brazoria, it was ordered that House bills Nos. 163 and 292 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Bensley, it was ordered that House bill No. 259 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, it was or-



dered that House bill No. 61 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, it was ordered that House bill No. 240 be not printed.

#### HONORING GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE.

Mr. Bryant offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The immortal General Robert Edward Lee was born at Stratford, Westmoreland county, Virginia, January 19, 1807;

Whereas, He took part in the Mexican War, distinguishing himself at Vera Cruz, and at the storming of Chapultepec;

Whereas, In 1852 he was appointed Superintendent of West Point, where he introduced many improvements at the National Military Academy;

Whereas, From 1855 to 1859 he served on the Texas border, and in 1859, the time of the John Brown raid on Harper's Ferry, he commanded the United States troops;

Whereas, On the secession of Virginia from the Union in 1861 he resigned his commission as colonel of the First U. S. Cavalry and was immediately made Commander-in-Chief of the Virginia forces;

Whereas, General Lee directed the defenses around Richmond in 1861; along the Atlantic coast in 1862; after General Johnston was disabled in 1863, he was placed in command of the army around Richmond, where he distinguished himself in the Seven Days' Battle, defeating McClellan and his superior forces;

Whereas, He opposed General Pope's movement and invaded Maryland and Virginia, but was forced to surrender to General Grant at Appomattox Court-house, Virginia, April 9, 1865, after which the Confederacy was at an end;

Whereas, General Lee was greatly respected by his adversary, General Grant, and his surprising ability as a general has been recognized by all nations;

Whereas, He accepted the presidency of Washington College (now Washington-Lee University) at Lexington, Virginia, after the close of the war, and held this post until his death in 1870;

Whereas, General Lee's life was one of devotion and sacrifice to the cause of the people and true democracy; and

Whereas, Today is the anniversary of the birth of General Lee; therefore, be it

Resolved, That when the House ad-

journs today it do so out of respect to the memory of General Robert E. Lee.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Murrell moved that the resolution be adopted by a rising vote.

The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

#### PROVIDING BULLETIN BOARD.

Mr. Monday offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Under the present conditions a great deal of confusion exists as to the time and place of the meeting of the various committees of the House, and the dispatch of business is greatly retarded thereby, many members being absent from committee meetings because of lack of information of the time and place of said meetings; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to at once procure a suitable bulletin board to be placed in the House of Representatives; and that the clerk be instructed to prepare and have posted thereon a statement of the time and place of the regular meetings of said committees; and immediately upon the announcement of a special meeting of any committee to place a statement of the time and place of said special meeting upon said bulletin board.

Signed—Monday, Fisher, Blackburn, Valentine, Richards, Hardey, Nordhaus, Pope, Robertson, Bagby, McFarland, Seawright, De Bogory.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### RELATING TO CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE.

Mr. Sentell offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The consideration and settlement of claims and accounts against the State is of great importance, affecting the taxes of the people; and

Whereas, There is no systematic course through which these claims and accounts have been required to go; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all claims and accounts against the State requiring action by the House of Representatives for settlement be first referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts for consideration, unless otherwise provided for by the House; and that such committee make and keep a permanent record of all claims and accounts referred to it together with a record of its action upon same.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### PROVIDING COPIES OF SESSION LAWS.

Mr. Holland offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There are many members in the House who have not received copies of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature of 1913, and that, in writing and consulting bills and comparing laws, it is absolutely necessary that each member should have a copy of same; and

Whereas, The Sergeant-at-Arms has been unable to furnish them on account of the limited number printed having been exhausted; and

Whereas, The Secretary of State claims that his supply is also exhausted; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms is hereby instructed to immediately procure a sufficient number of copies of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, General Laws of 1913, to furnish each member of the House desiring a copy of same, and that all costs thereof shall be charged to and paid out of the contingent expense fund of the House.

Signed—Holland, Williford.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Parks offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by striking out provision requiring payment for copies of laws out of contingent expense fund.

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

#### PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR TEMPORARY PAGES.

Mr. McFarland offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, whereas, Warren McMordie and Morrison Laird having served eight (8) days as page on the extra list of pages, be allowed pay at two dollars (\$2.00) per day for said eight days.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### INVITATION TO MEMBERS' WIVES.

The Speaker laid before the House, and had read the following invitation:

To Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The United Daughters of the Confed-

eracy invite the members of the Thirty-fifth Legislature with their wives and daughters to attend the memorial service of General Lee and General Jackson, to be held in the U. D. C. room at the Capitol, Friday, January 10th, at 4 p. m. Following the literary and musical program an informal reception will be held.

Respectfully yours,

MRS. T. H. BOWMAN,

President A. S. J. Chapter U. D. C.

On motion of Mr. Woods, the invitation was accepted.

#### TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following report of the Committee on Rules:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred simple resolution setting forth that there is a necessity for creating a committee consisting of fifteen members, to be known as "The Committee on Oil Industry," and directing the Speaker to appoint this committee, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do not pass.

Signed—Spradley, Chairman; Blackburn, McFarland, Bagby, Bryan.

The report was read and was adopted.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 247 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 84, House bill No. 653 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas by a special law for the preservation of bass and other fish of the bass species, and of perch, sunfish and crappie species, in the following locality: In any water which is located in the valley of the Medina river from where the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville crosses the Medina river, in Medina county, Texas, to a point on the Medina river, in Banderita county, Texas, which by following the meanders of the Medina river towards its source shall constitute a distance of twenty-five miles, and in any of the

waters which are impounded by the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville, in Medina county, Texas, and in any of the waters that are impounded by the upper or main dam in Medina county, Texas, which is located about four miles above said lower or diversion dam; and making it unlawful to catch and retain or have possession of any bass, or other fish of the bass species which are less than eleven inches in length, or to catch and retain, or have possession of, in any one day, a total aggregate of more than ten bass or other fish of the bass species, or to catch and retain, or have possession of, in any one day, a total aggregate of more than twenty perch, crappie or sunfish species, and making it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or buy, any fish caught in any of said waters, and providing that the special act shall be cumulative of the general laws of the State and not repeal same, and providing for a penalty for violation of said special law, and declaring an emergency and fixing the venue of the prosecutions for violations of the law, and providing it shall not be unlawful to catch and retain more than twenty perch to be used as bait, providing none of such perch so caught for bait are larger than two inches long."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 40, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriation to cover the cost of a fireproof brick dormitory at the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College at Prairie View, Waller county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support and maintenance of the Sam Houston Normal School, the San Marcos Normal School, the Denton Normal School and the Canyon City Normal School during the summer of 1917, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 123, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation for the cost of construction of a fireproof dormitory, to supplement the present available appropriation for the

erection of a power plant, and to provide for the maintenance, support and direction of the summer school at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,  
Secretary of the Senate.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading,

H. J. R. No. 1, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by striking out and repealing Section 20 of Article 16 thereto, and substituting in lieu of said Section 20, a new Section 20, providing for the prohibition of the manufacture, sale, barter, exchange, or transportation within this State of intoxicating liquors except for specified purposes, and providing for enactment of laws to enforce this section, and providing for retention of present laws relating to liquor traffic now in force until modified or repealed.

Mr. Nichols offered the following motion in writing:

"I move that House Joint Resolution No. 1 be set for special order for next Thursday at 10 a. m., and that all excuses for that date be revoked, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms notify all members to be present at this time and on that date."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Nichols moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 2, To amend Section 10 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for certain rights of accused persons in criminal prosecutions and the manner in which the case may be prosecuted, and providing for the procuring of the witnesses for both defense and prosecution.

The resolution was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. J. H. Davis, Jr., Assistant Secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly an-

nounced, presented the following message from the Governor, which was read to the House, as follows:

Executive Office,  
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

Whereas, The National Congress has already appropriated about eleven million dollars as an initial expenditure for the erection of a government armor plate plant in the South; and

Whereas, In all probability hundreds of millions of dollars will be spent by the Government in the further improvement of said plant after it is so established; and

Whereas, It is known that the location of said plant will be in a locality known to abound with iron ore; and

Whereas, That section of our State, historically and famously known as East Texas, does abound in rich iron ore deposits:

I, therefore, submit for your consideration these facts, and suggest that in some appropriate form and manner you memorialize and petition the National Congress to locate said armor plate plant somewhere in East Texas, and that you pass necessary resolution, respectfully requesting and urging the Representatives in Congress from Texas to take this matter up actively and bring before the necessary authorities the many advantages and facts that make East Texas an ideal place for the erection of said armor plate plant.

As the matter is now being considered, your early attention to this matter is respectfully suggested.

JAS. E. FERGUSON,  
Governor of Texas.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 5, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new section to be known as Section 58, providing for the compensation of public officials.

The resolution was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### MOTION TO TAKE UP HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Joint Resolution No. 5

be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion was lost by the following vote (not receiving the necessary four-fifths vote):

Yeas—96.

Baker.	Neeley.
Beard of Harris.	Neill.
Beard of Milam.	Nichols.
Beasley.	Osborne.
Blackmon.	Parks.
Blalock.	Peddy.
Boner.	Peyton.
Bryan.	Pillow.
Burton of Rusk.	Poage.
Butler.	Pope.
Cadenhead.	Raiden.
Canales.	Richards.
Carlock.	Robertson.
Clark.	Roemer.
Cope.	Rogers.
Cox.	Russell.
Crudgington.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Davis	Schlesinger.
of Van Zandt.	Schlosshan.
Dodd.	Seawright.
Dudley.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dunnam.	Smith of Scurry.
Estes.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fairchild.	Spencer of Wise.
Fisher.	Spradley.
Florer.	Stewart.
Fly.	Swope.
Greenwood.	Taylor.
Hardey.	Templeton.
Harris.	Terrell.
Hawkins.	Thomas.
Holland.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of El Paso.
Johnson.	Thompson
Jones.	of Hunt.
Laas.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Red River.
Laney.	Tillotson.
Lange.	Tilson.
Lanier.	Traylor.
Lee.	Tschoepe.
Lindemann.	Upchurch.
McComb.	Valentine.
McMillin.	Veatch.
Martin.	White.
Meador.	Williams
Metcalf.	of Brazoria.
Miller of Dallas.	Williford.
Monday.	Wilson.
Moore.	

Nays—26:

Bagby.	Cates.
Bedell.	Fitzpatrick.
Bertram.	Haidusek.
Blackburn.	Lowe
Bland.	of McMullen.
Brown.	Low
Burton of Tarrant.	of Washington.



McCoy.	Nordhaus.
McDowra.	O'Banion.
McFarland.	Scholl.
Mendell.	Smith of Bastrop.
Miller of Austin.	Tinner.
Morris.	Walker.
Murrell.	Woodul.

Absent.

Bell.	Reeves.
Bryant.	Sholars.
De Bogory.	Wahrmund.
Denton.	Woods.
Hill.	

Absent—Excused.

Beason.	Strayhorn.
Bledsoe.	Thomason
Davis of Grimes.	of Nacogdoches.
Hartman.	Williams
O'Brien.	of McLennan.
Sallas.	Yantis.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 61 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Palo Pinto Independent School District in Palo Pinto county, Texas, for free school purposes, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 163 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 163, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing Freeport Independent School District, in Brazoria county, Texas, defining and describing it by metes and bounds, providing for election of trustees therefor, providing for it to assume the outstanding indebtedness of Common School District No. 35 in said county, vesting in it the title to all school property of said Common School District No. 35, providing for the government thereof as under the general laws applicable to towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 269 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 269, A bill to be entitled

"An Act creating the Odem Independent School District, known as Common School District No. 7 in San Patricio county, Texas, including within its limits the town of Odem, and defining its boundaries; and providing for the creating of trustees thereof and conferring upon the board of trustees practically plenary powers; providing for a board of equalization, and prescribing the duties and authorities thereof and further prescribing the duties, authority and limitation of the board of trustees; declaring valid an issue or issues of bonds heretofore voted; giving the county board of trustees concurrent jurisdiction with the Legislature in changing the boundary lines of said district; making all changes in districts affected by this act; prescribing the time when this act shall become effective, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this act."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 292 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 292, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing Brazoria Independent School District in Brazoria county, Texas, defining and describing it by metes and bounds, providing for election of trustees therefor, providing for it to assume the outstanding indebtedness of Common School District No. 21 in said county, vesting in it the title to all school property of said Common School District No. 21, providing for the government thereof as under the general law applicable to towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 294 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 294, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower Lamar county or any political subdivision or defined district of said county by a two-thirds vote of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of such county or political subdivision or defined district thereof, voting thereon, to

issue bonds in any amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or of such political subdivision or defined district, and to levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof and for the maintenance of said roads during the life of such bonds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, and prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising said work, and to repeal Chapter 3 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, and Chapter 15 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature and all other special road laws for Lamar county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 140 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 140, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a common county line school district, to be known as the Auburn District, to be under the jurisdiction, management and control of the county school board of Ellis county, Texas, to be composed of the territory described in this act, and defining the rights, powers and privileges of such district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Nordhaus moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

Mr. Woods moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. next Monday.

The motion of Mr. Woods prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 3:35 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. next Monday.

#### APPENDIX.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropria-

tions, to whom was referred House bill No. 125, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendments.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 103, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 118, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 40, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

PEYTON, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON CARRIERS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred House bill No. 227, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Templeton has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 6, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Osborne has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 111, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fisher has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of McLennan, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 149, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fisher has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of McLennan, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 42, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hawkins has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 217, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Taylor has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BAKER, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 302, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Schlesinger has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BAKER, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House bill No. 108, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Cope has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PILLOW, Chairman.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 240, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Smith of Scurry has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

## Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 65, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Pope has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

## Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 28, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Valentine has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

LOW of Washington, Chairman.

## Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 123, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Jones has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

LOW of Washington, Chairman.

## Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 7, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Blackburn has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

LOW of Washington, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES, SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS.

## Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections, to whom was referred House bill No. 4, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Moore has been appointed to make a full report thereon; and Mr. Thompson of Hunt gave notice of a minority report.

CLARK, Chairman.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

## Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 49, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

## Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 16, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

## Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 271, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.



Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 18, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 57, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 48, General Laws of Texas, creating Willacy county, approved March 11, 1911; and to amend Section 1, Chapter 10, General Laws of Texas, creating Kleberg county, approved February 27, 1913, the purpose of this act being to change and make the boundary line between said counties conform to the result of elections duly called and held in said counties, the returns of which have been duly estimated, tabulated, certified to, sealed, endorsed and transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the manner and form prescribed by law, whereby certain territory was detached from Willacy county and attached to Kleberg county, and whereby certain land, waters and territory were detached from Kleberg and attached to Willacy county; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
RUSSELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 84, House bill No. 653 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas by a special law for the preservation of bass and other fish of the

bass species, and of perch, sunfish and crappie species, in the following locality: In any water which is located in the valley of the Medina river from where the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville crosses the Medina river, in Medina county, Texas, to a point on the Medina river, in Bandera county, Texas, which by following the meanders of the Medina river towards its source, shall constitute a distance of twenty-five miles, and in any of the waters which are impounded by the lower or diversion dam above the town of Castroville, in Medina county, Texas, and in any of the waters that are impounded by the upper or main dam in Medina county, Texas, which is located about four miles above said lower or diversion dam; and making it unlawful to catch and retain or have possession of any bass, or other fish of the bass species which are less than eleven inches in length, or to catch and retain, or have possession of, in any one day, a total aggregate of more than ten bass or other fish of the bass species, or to catch and retain, or have possession of, in any one day, a total aggregate of more than twenty perch, crappie or sunfish species, and making it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or buy, any fish caught in any of said waters, and providing that the special act shall be cumulative of the general laws of the State and not repeal same, and providing for a penalty for violation of said special law, and declaring an emergency and fixing the venue of the prosecutions for violations of the law, and providing it shall not be unlawful to catch and retain more than twenty perch to be used as bait, providing none of such perch so caught for bait are larger than two inches long,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
RUSSELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 19, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 275, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts so as to declare what counties compose the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts; to fix the time for holding court in the various counties of said district; to make the

processes issued to serve before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the terms of court as herein fixed, and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of

said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

RUSSELL, Acting Chairman.

**In Memory**  
**of**  
**Admiral Dewey.**

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Mr. Lange offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Our nation is in deep sorrow because of the untimely death of one of its most faithful and patriotic citizens, Admiral George Dewey, who departed this life on the 16th day of January, 1917;

Whereas, In his death our Navy has suffered the loss of one of its ablest commanders, one who led our Country to victory at Manilla;

Whereas, The United States of America and the world at large have honored him during his life and now mourn his death; now, therefore, in recognition of the great loss which our Country has sustained by his death, and in memory of the useful life which he led and the patriotic service which he performed; be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House as an expression of our regard for his memory and his service, and that when the House adjourns today, that it adjourn out of respect for his memory.

LANGE,  
PARKS,  
METCALFE,  
HAWKINS.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Denton moved that the resolution be adopted by a rising vote.

The motion prevailed, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

**In Memory**  
**of**  
**Hon. John S. Patterson.**

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Mr. Laney offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Honorable John S. Patterson of Dallas county, Texas, was called by the Divine Father to his final reward; and

Whereas, During the latter period of his life he served with distinction as Commissioner of Insurance and Banking of Texas; and

Whereas, His untimely death was the result of faithfully discharging his duties as a public officer; and

Whereas, The State has lost an honorable, upright and useful citizen who always labored faithfully for humanity and the welfare of his State, and

Whereas, His unfortunate death occurred while he was yet in the vigor of manhood, causing a great and irreparable loss to the citizens of the State of Texas; now, therefore, in recognition of the great loss which the State of Texas has sustained by his death and in memory of the useful life which he led; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of Texas tender to his widow our most sincere sympathy and as evidence thereof that a copy of this resolution, properly attested, be forwarded to his widow, that a page of the House Journal be set apart and dedicated to his memory and that these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of this House as an expression of our sorrow and regret and that when the House adjourns today that it adjourn out of respect for his memory.

LANEY,  
MILLER of Dallas,  
DAVIS of Dallas,  
FLORER,  
PARKS.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted unanimously.